ASPEN RIVERPARK TENANTS ASSOCIATION

4 Lexington Street - 3f

Newark, New Jersey 07105

Dear Mr. [illegible]

We would like to arrange a meeting with you at your earliest possible convenience concerning conditions at Aspen Riverpark Apartments in Newark.

Since we last met with you, along with Councilman Henry Martinez at Newark's City Hall, problems in the building have grown. The drug situation has gotten much worse, to the point where some of us fear to walk out of our apartments after dark. There are drug transactions taking place at known locations in and around the building, and little police response. There is also a gang of car thieves operating from the building. Small children are being exposed to these influences.

Maintenance of common areas is non-existent. The superintendent is renting out the apartment he is supposed to live in and therefore not available for emergencies. There is discrimination towards tenants of certain races on the part of office personnel and staff, and in the selection of new tenants for apartments. Monthly rent statements are no longer being provided.

The quality of life has deteriorated so much that decent tenants are considering any options they have to move out.
You are collecting our rent money, along with federal funds from taxes, which we also pay, and yet we are living in dirty and unsafe conditions. We want something done to improve the situation and save this building - before it is too late.

We want to meet with you as soon as possible. I will call you to discuss a date (day or night).

Sincerely,

Sheila Greene, President
Aspen Riverpark Tenants Association

c.c. Councilman Henry Martinez
Michelle Spiegler, HUD Area Office, Management Division
Walter Johnson, HUD
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